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President:	Mr. SOMAVIA	(Chile)
later:	Mr. HUSLID	(Norway)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.15 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT said he had just been informed that the General Assembly had adopted a resolution deciding that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) would not be permitted to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

Statistical Commission (E/1993/L.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect eight members of the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following eight countries were candidates: Botswana, Kenya and Zambia for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation for the vacancy to be filled by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina for the vacancy to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and, the Netherlands having withdrawn its candidacy, France, Germany and Spain for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Western European and other States.

The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the list of candidates read out.

It was so decided.

Population Commission (E/1993/L.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect nine members of the Population Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following eight countries were candidates: Tunisia for one of the two vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; China and India for the two vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian States; the Russian Federation for the vacancy to be filled by the Group of Eastern European States; Jamaica and Mexico for the two vacancies to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States;

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and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America for the two vacancies to be filled by the Group of Western European and other States.

The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the list of candidates read out and to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States.

It was so decided.

Commission on Human Rights (E/1993/L.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 15 members of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Mr. MELENDEZ (Observer for El Salvador) said that his country had been a candidate for the Commission on Human Rights but in a spirit of solidarity had decided to withdraw in favour of Nicaragua. It reserved the right to resubmit its candidacy in 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following 19 countries were candidates: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Malawi and Mauritania for the four vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; China, Indonesia and Japan for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian States, Qatar having withdrawn its candidacy; the Czech Republic and Hungary for the vacancy to be filled by the Group of Eastern European states; Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Latin American and caribbean States; Australia, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain and Turkey for the four vacancies to be filled by the Group of Western European and other States.

The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates from the Group of African States and the Group of Asian States.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot one member from the Group of Eastern European States, three members from the Group of Latin

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American and Caribbean States and four members from the Group of Western European and other States.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Cordeiro (Angola) and Ms. Murugesan (India) acted as tellers.

Mr. Huslid (Norway), Vice-President took the Chair.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
(a) Eastern European States	
Hungary	35
Czech Republic	15
(b) Latin American and Caribbean States	
Ecuador	40
Peru	40
Venezuela	38
Nicaragua	36
(c) Western European and other States	
Germany	43
Italy	38
Austria	35
Australia	33
Spain	31
Turkey	22
Ireland	1
Sweden	1

Having obtained the required majority, and in the case of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and other States the largest number of votes, Australia, Austria, Ecuador, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Peru and Venezuela were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.

Commission on the Status of Women (E/1993/L.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 13 members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following 12 countries were candidates: Guinea, Kenya, Libya and Namibia for the five vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; Cyprus, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia and the Republic of Korea for the five vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian states; and the Bahamas, Costa Rica and Ecuador for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the list of candidates read out and to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States.

It was so decided.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/1993/L.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 20 members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following 22 candidates had been proposed by the regional groups: Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Liberia for the four vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; China, Japan, Lebanon and Sri Lanka for the four vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian States; Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Eastern European States; the Bahamas, Colombia, Mexico and Paraguay for the four vacancies to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia, Belgium, Finland, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the five vacancies to be filled by the Group of Western European and other States.

The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and the Group of Western European and other States.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot three members from the Group of Eastern European States.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Sherman-Peter (Bahamas) and Mrs. Ogunleye (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Eastern European States	
Russian Federation	43
Romania	40
Ukraine	30
Hungary	22
Bulgaria	19

Having obtain the required majority, Romania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/1993/L.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 20 members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following 22 candidates had been proposed by the regional groups: Congo, Malawi, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire for the eight vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; India, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka for the four vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian States; Hungary and the Russian Federation for the two vacancies to be filled by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil, Colombia and Cuba for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Finland and Germany for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Western European and other States.

The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and the Group of Western European and other States.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot four members from the Group of Asian States.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Reine (Madagascar) and Mr. Felton (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Malaysia	51
Japan	46
Sri Lanka	45
Pakistan	41
Saudi Arabia	21
India	1

Having obtained the required majority, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka were elected members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.